

from my own district, about teachers working in closets, about 50 kids in every classroom, about those portable classrooms littering our playground blacktops. The stories that I have told just are not happening in Orange County, California; I know they must be happening in your districts also.

So I encourage the Speaker and the leadership and the Democrats to find a solution to this problem. Please, co-sponsor H.R. 415 and support school construction tax cuts. Our children need it.

#### THE BEST SCHOOLS AND MILITARY AGENDA

(Mr. KINGSTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, the Republican Party has a very good agenda, it is called BEST Schools and Military: B for balancing the budget, paying down the debt; E for excellence in education; S for saving Social Security; and T for lowering taxes, with the strongest military in the world.

We want to work with the President. I was encouraged with his State of the Union speech. But when the President starts getting obligations to the whacky fringe left, I get scared, because it scares my middle class voting constituency back home.

Yesterday the President said something very curious. He said we could give the budget surplus back to you and hope that you spend it right.

Who is he? Who are we to tell the American people we do not trust you with your money? This is the whacky fringe left at its best.

I believe the American taxpayers, the hard working, middle class moms and dads throughout the country, can spend their money quite well, without a bunch of busybody Washington bureaucrats telling them "We are smarter than you because we are elected and we are going to spend your money."

I disagree with the President. I think the American people can spend their money better than Congress in many cases.

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#### SAVING THE BUDGET SURPLUS FOR SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE—NOT GOP TAX CUTS

(Mr. SHOWS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHOWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to stress my strong support of using the budget surplus for saving Social Security and Medicare first.

We are not out of the woods yet on protecting Social Security, and to squander money away from the budget

surplus to pay for a large indiscriminate tax cut would be irresponsible and would further put our Social Security system at risk.

I support tax cuts, but we have to target them where we need them. Target them for working families. Target them for business and development, and for research and development.

We must not put our Social Security system at risk. Saving Social Security first is my number one priority for the people of Mississippi's 4th District and it should be our number one priority as a Congress for the American people.

#### GOOD NEWS FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

(Ms. NORTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I have good news about my city and yours. This morning's paper reports that the District of Columbia has a \$450 million surplus and a clean audit. Yes, this is the same city that needed a control board three years ago and clearly does not need one now.

The District will not even have to use the authority Congress gave it to borrow and eliminate an operating deficit. The city will pay down that large deficit from its own revenue. The surplus is by no means all a matter of a good economy. Cuts in government redundancy and waste and improved tax collections have had a lot to do with it.

The District has a new mayor and a reinvigorated city council. A quiet revolution is in progress in the city where this House lives, right under our noses. Look for me to come to the floor often to tell my colleagues what they need to know and, I am sure, what they want to hear about a Nation's Capital where all can be proud.

#### SAVE SOCIAL SECURITY FIRST

(Mr. HOLT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, there is no better example of the loss of trust in government than our Social Security program. Social Security is one of the great accomplishments of our government in this century and one of the most successful programs in our history.

When Social Security was passed more than 60 years ago, a majority of the elderly lived in poverty, lived in fear of destitution in old age, and it was a fear that was crippling all of society. Today, Social Security benefits not just those who depend on Social Security primarily to put food on their table, but it benefits all of society.

Yet, in my district in New Jersey, and I believe in most of my colleagues'

districts, we would be hard put to find anyone who thinks they will get a dime from Social Security for all of the taxes they have paid. That skepticism shows the serious problem of trust we face.

We must restore faith in this fundamental Federal program. That is why we must save Social Security first before we turn to tax cuts.

#### PROTECT SOCIAL SECURITY

(Ms. WOOLSEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, in 1992, the Republicans' mantra when I was running for election the first time was deficit and national debt and the harm it was causing to our children and our children's future. Being the realist that I am, I came here and got immediately involved in doing away first with our deficit. The 1993 budget passed with only Democratic votes, and got us on the road to where we are today with a surplus. We did what we were supposed to do. We came up with a surplus. That is our challenge now.

What does the majority party do? What are they proposing? Rather than saving Social Security and in so doing, reducing the national debt, they return to their real mantra of spending our surplus on tax cuts, tax cuts that will give two-thirds of the wealthiest people in this Nation the benefit. It will give the top 10 to 20 percent of the well-off two-thirds of the benefit.

This will not reduce our national debt. It will not protect Social Security.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO DENVER BRONCOS

(Mr. LEWIS of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, this past Sunday in the Super Bowl, the Denver Broncos defeated the Atlanta Falcons 34 to 19. It was a hard-fought game, and the Atlanta Dirty Birds came up a little short.

Today I rise to say congratulations to the Denver Broncos and to my colleague, the gentlewoman from Colorado (Ms. DEGETTE).

Denver won the Super Bowl and our colleague won our friendly little bet. So this morning I presented to my colleague and her staff a month's supply of Georgia peanuts and Atlanta's own Coca-Cola. Enjoy the Coke and peanuts and the victory, while you can.

Next year the Dirty Birds will be back.

#### A SWEET VICTORY

(Ms. DEGETTE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)